

Amendment No. 1 to SB0722

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 722*

House Bill No. 940

by deleting Section 36-6-702 in the amendatory language of SECTION 2 and substituting:

36-6-702.

(a) All judges involved in child custody proceedings shall complete at least two (2) hours of training or continuing education courses on domestic violence or child abuse per year or ten (10) hours per five (5) years.

(b) The training or continuing education courses may include the following topics:

- (1) Child sexual abuse;
- (2) Physical abuse;
- (3) Emotional abuse;
- (4) Coercive control;
- (5) Implicit and explicit bias, including biases relating to parents with disabilities;
- (6) Trauma;
- (7) Long-term and short-term impacts of domestic violence and child abuse on children;
- (8) Victim and perpetrator behavior patterns and relationship dynamics within the cycle of violence; and
- (9) Any relevant topic addressing the best interest of the victim.

(c) The training and continuing education courses may be offered in person or virtually by the administrative office of the courts in conjunction with the annual meetings of the judicial conferences in accordance with §§ 17-3-104, 17-3-203, and 37-1-504.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the effective date section and substituting:

SECTION 3. This act takes effect January 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.